



Hold your Wedding/Reception at Laughing Waters Retreat Center!

We're in the tiny village of Gerton in Hickory Nut Gorge, about half an hour away from downtown Asheville. You can have your wedding indoors in the Great Room, on the deck overlooking the creek and waterfall, out in the meadow, in the orchard, or any combination of these possibilities. We have a micro-hydro system to power the facility from the energy of the creek. By doing so, we have created a pond and meadow with a beautiful view up to the cliff above us. This is another place many have chosen for their wedding ceremony.

Wedding Packages:

Package 1: \$ 6,819 includes 3 days and 2 nights in the lodge and honeymoon cabin

Package 2: \$ 6,279 includes 2 days and 1 overnight (lodge and honeymoon cabin)

Package 3: \$ 4,929 includes one day only. No access to honeymoon cabin

* Not available Friday-Sunday in May, June, July, September, October & November

Additional overnights are \$600/night for both properties.
(must purchase package 1 to add on nights)

Weddings of less than 40 people will receive a \$500 discount.

Weddings between November 15 – April 15 will receive a \$500 discount.

Weddings that don't include a Friday, Saturday or Sunday will receive a \$500 discount

Laughing Waters Virtual Tour

Attached are documents with the policies and general guidelines for having your special event at Laughing Waters. It's best to come out for a visit to get a better feel for your options, so just let me know if you'd like to do that. It's a beautiful place to get married!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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Laughing Waters Wedding Policies

A down payment of \$1,000 reserves the space. There is a 5% discount if paid in full upfront. There is an additional refundable \$500 damage deposit. Since we are a small facility, the maximum capacity for a wedding is 90 people. If you prefer to have an outdoor wedding, you can rent a small 16' x 20' tent to put on the back deck or a larger 40' x 60' tent to put in the field by the pond. We are unable to accommodate parties of greater than 90 people.

Clients are responsible for hiring their own caterer, and supplying all beverages, flowers, decorations, and tents (if desired). Laughing Waters has 7 large round tables which can seat 8 people each with 60 stacking chairs, 1 round outdoor table with chairs, and a dining table with chairs.

Outside vendors: At Laughing Waters, we support local businesses. We welcome caterers, florists, bakers, musicians and other entertainers and artisans.

Candles are prohibited due to their potential fire hazard. Other flammable items such as sparklers, fireworks, etc. are also not permitted.

Laughing Waters does not permit nails to be attached to walls, ceilings, or floors of the facility. Clients will assume full responsibility for any damages to the event facility or property caused by the patron, their guests, or vendors. This includes any removal or damaging of Laughing Waters furniture, fixtures or decorations.

All decorative items used for your event by you or your vendor must be removed at the conclusion of the event. We do not assume responsibility for the loss of, or damages to, personal items prior to or following the event.

The client will be liable for any and all damages to the facility or grounds that occur during the event, except for accidents/damages that may occur due to negligence on the part of Laughing Waters or acts of God.

If a couple wants to have a photography session on the grounds of Laughing Waters before the reserved wedding date/s, there will be a charge of \$25 per hour for this access and must be coordinated with the property manager according to site availability.

Should there be inclement weather, the event will continue as scheduled.

Due to building codes, dancing in the great room is limited to 75 people at a time. For larger numbers of dancers, please use the movement space at the creekside level. The safe number of people on the deck at one time is 50.





If you are planning to serve alcohol, you will be responsible and liable for your guests' consumption and any accidents that may occur as a result. You need to hire a bartender or have a designated non-drinking server who will monitor this. It is strongly encouraged that you purchase an insurance policy to cover any liability that may result from serving alcohol. No alcohol can be served to minors.

The client must use blue bags for recycling. Failure to recycle will result in the loss of the deposit. Blue bags are for recycling and not trash.

If you are going to generate a lot of trash, please bring extra-large trash bins and plan to carry out the excess trash.

Excessive cleanup will result in additional charges. All boxes, trash, etc. that you bring into the facility will need to be placed in the outside garbage cans or taken with you at the end of the event, or a cleanup fee will be charged.

The bridges across the creek are not intended for more than 3-5 people to be standing on them at once. Laughing Waters is not liable for any injuries that occur from more than the max allowance of people being on these bridges at one time. Photographers need to be notified that the bridges cannot hold large groups of people for pictures.

You will be provided a key to control the thermostats in the lodge. Please keep in mind that we only delegate one individual to be in control of this key. All thermostats are to be within two degrees of each other to work properly. Please keep in mind the wear on the system and the possible freezing of the unit if it is set too low and doors or windows are left open. We are an eco-conscious community.

Our downstairs 1/2 bath is another repair expense that can be avoided if the directions that are posted over the toilet are heeded. Because it is powered by a pump that has to pump uphill, no more than 5 guests per hour can use this bathroom. Please be mindful of this. Thank you!

Laughing Waters reserves the right to request photography that features the property to be used in general promotional materials including website photo galleries, social media, etc.

Cancellation policy: 90 days in advance in order to receive full refund minus an administrative fee of \$100. Cancellation 30 - 60 days in advance will receive a refund of 50%. Cancellation less than 30 days will not receive a refund.

Reservation is complete when signed contract and deposit are received.

Nonadherence to these policies may result in forfeiture of the security deposit.





General Policies

No drugs of any kind.

No smoking inside the building or on the decks.

Please minimize or avoid use of glass containers beyond the lodge and deck.

No glass by the creekside.

No dogs permitted inside the buildings or on the grounds.

Camping & Accommodations

Camping is permitted for certain approved events and only on the open field, by the old stone chimneys, or by the creek close to Laughing Waters. You can have up to 35 guests camp out. Fires permitted only in designated campfire circles. Down wood can be collected but split wood is for use in the wood stove only. (Be sure all fires are completely out before vacating the premises.) Always use indoor bathrooms and toilets. There are no outdoor facilities. Please leave no trace.

There are additional accommodations close by in Bat Cave, Chimney Rock, and Lake Lure. Asheville, Black Mountain, and Hendersonville are 25 minutes away from Laughing Waters and have many other options.

Hiking & Swimming

Always wear shoes when walking on the trails. (There are bees, poison ivy and snakes.) All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult when near the creek. The creek can be dangerous, and rocks can be slippery. Please be alert and exercise care.

Recycling Please place recycling in blue recycling bags and leave in the trash shed.

First Aid

First-aid kit is available in the supply closet.

For emergencies call 911 or Gerton Fire Department. 828-625-2779.

Quiet hours: Midnight - 9 am.

In consideration for our neighbors, please avoid loud outside music during this time.

Wi-Fi:

We strive to provide excellent WIFI, however, be aware that Laughing Waters is a wilderness venue and WIFI and cell coverage can fluctuate with weather conditions and different carriers.

Parking & Security

Please lock the building at the end of the event and keep valuables locked in your car. Park only in marked parking areas. (Not on or near the road)

For any problems or questions that arise you can text, call or email:

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